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BERKELEY OFFICER SHOT 'AGGRESSIVE' PIT BULL OFF ITS LEASH



A west suburban Berkeley woman plans on filing a lawsuit Monday after a police officer shot her pit bull.

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Monday, October 06, 2014

BERKELEY, Ill. (WLS) -- Berkeley police said an officer responding to multiple reports of a "loose, vicious" dog in the 1100-block of Taft Avenue was forced to fire at a pit bull that came at him aggressively.

The dog is expected to recover. But Gina Stone, the pit bull's owner, told ABC7 Eyewitness News that she plans to file a lawsuit.

Police received a number of calls from residents who said the gray pit bull was running in the street off its leash, with two barefoot, unsupervised children chasing the dog with sticks and poles. Stone said her dog was outside with her children Friday evening.

One caller said he tried to round up the pit bull, but said the dog bared its teeth, growled and advanced at him in an aggressive manner. He said he went back inside and called 911.

Officers responded to the scene around 5:10 p.m. Friday and found the pit bull in the parkway. They said the dog displayed the same aggressive behavior toward one officer, who tried to create space between himself and the pit bull more than once. When the pit bull lunged a third time, the officer fired and struck the dog in

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the facial area.

"It's not right. It wasn't right for my kids to see that, it wasn't fair to the dog for that to happen," Stone said. Police said neither the owner nor the children were outside at the time of the shooting.

Officers were able to corral the pit bull about 45 minutes later, after chasing the dog through the neighborhood. Police took the pit bull to DuPage Animal Hospital, where the dog was released to Stone.

All dogs must be kept on a leash in Berkeley and supervised by their owners. Stone was cited for a vicious dog at large, no village dog license and disorderly conduct.

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Oh Stone please!!! I would of shot at the dog to if it was me in fear of my safety from a vicious pitbull...

Keep ur dogs chained & locked up!!!

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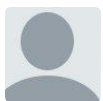
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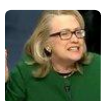
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'vicious pit bull', must be rosie o'donnel.

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Stone sounds like an irresponsible parent and animal owner.to bad the vicious pit bull lived.

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It's crazy that 2 kids were supposedly chasing the dog and showed no aggression towards them but then showed aggression towards everyone else enough for the police to shoot. Sounds like he was being protective of his home. Then why would the police take him to a animal hospital in Dupage County when this all took place in Cook County? There are too many cases lately of police shooting family dogs. I know that my little 3lbs chorkie would protect my home is some police officer going to shoot her too? Until people stand up to these dog killers nothing will be done to stop this or punish them!!

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Coach1960 ➔ Stacey Becker Saviano • 23 days ago

The dog was running loose thru the neighborhood. How is that protecting their home? It's the dog owner's fault that he was shot. The kids were his owners so they wouldn't show aggression. If I were a cop and a pit bull lunged at me I would have shot him too. And as I said, it's all on the owner. Hope she gets laughed out of court.

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Ted LaLone • 23 days ago

Sounds like the dog was being protective of kids and then the dogs home. Zero reason to shoot this animal.

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The police officer was right to shoot the dog....what if he hadn't and the dog mauled someone? The dog should not have been loose, end of story; it's the dog owner's fault.

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The children WERE there when the dog was shot and will be going to counseling for it. The kids were not running in the streets barefoot chasing the dog with anything. The mother and uncle were there also. The neighbors are the mothers witnesses to what happened. It's amazing how the truth gets so twisted ...

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